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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING THE US-NINE CONSULTATIONS AT GENEVA
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(REFTEL), THE EC HAS TAKEN TWO PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION
ACCORDING TO AN EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER. THE NATURE AND
STATUS OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE DISCUSSED BELOW. END
SUMMARY.

1. DUTCH PROPOSAL. THE DUTCH HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE
PRESIDENCY UNDERTAKE A SERIES OF DEMARCHES TO 12

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (INCLUDING INDIA, ZAIRE, VENEZUELA, AND EGYPT) BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1. THE DEMARCHE WOULD TRY TO MAKE CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE OF US MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND STRESS THE LOSS TO THE ILO OF A US DEPARTURE. THE PRESIDENCY DEMARCHE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES APPROACHED TAKE WHATEVER STEPS THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE US TO REMAIN AN ILO MEMBER. THERE IS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DUTCH PROPOSAL WITHIN THE EC AND THE PRESIDENCY EXPECTS THAT IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1.

2. BRITISH PROPOSAL. THE BRITISH HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE PRESIDENCY CALL FOR A MEETING BETWEEN CERTAIN LARGE EC COUNTRIES (UK, FRANCE, GERMANY) AND SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT, INDUSTRIALIZED, NON-EUROPEAN STATES WHICH ARE ON THE ILO GOVERNING BOARD (INTER ALIA THE USSR, INDIA AND CANADA). THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO MAKE ALL REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO EACH OF THEM OF THE US REMAINING AN ILO MEMBER. IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE US TO REMAIN IN THE ILO, THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING WOULD BE ASKED TO IMPLEMENT AS MANY OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS (CACR) AS POSSIBLE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ILO REJECTED THE CACR (STATE 144697). THIS BRITISH PROPOSAL CAUSES THE PRESIDENCY BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE DIFFICULTIES. PROCEDURELY, BELGIUM IS CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUESTED TO CALL FOR A MEETING IT WOULD NOT ATTEND AS A PARTICIPANT; SUBSTANTIVELY, THE BELGIANS DO NOT SEE HOW THE SOVIETS AND INDIANS AMONG OTHERS COULD ACCEPT SOME OR ALL OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CACR WHICH THEY VOTED AGAINST. THE PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER, IS CONTINUING ITS STUDY OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL AND WILL HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS EC PARTNERS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ELEMENTS IN THE BRITISH PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE PURSUED. CHAMBERS

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